delegates present shall have the power to fill any vacancy from the qualified registered voters of the precinct in which the vacancy exists.

Sec. 208. The county central committee of a political party shall fix the representation in the county postprimary conventions for the various precincts of the county on the basis of the vote cast for the political party's candidate for President of the United States at the preceding presidential election. Each precinct shall be entitled to at least two delegates to the county postprimary convention. If any precinct does not have a full quota of delegates at the county postprimary convention, the delegates at the convention may fill the quota from the registered voters of such precinct. The county postprimary convention shall select delegates to the state and congressional district conventions of a political party. If the county central committee fails to fix the representation at the county postprimary convention by proper certification to the election commissioner or county clerk of the respective counties by February 1 of each election year, there shall be two delegates from each precinct.

Sec. 209. Delegates to county conventions of political parties may be elected at precinct caucuses held in each presidential election year. The state central committee of each political party shall set the date for the caucus, and the county chairperson for each party shall issue the call. Each county chairperson shall file with the election commissioner or county clerk notice of the meeting place of such caucus at least ten days prior to the date of the caucus. The state central committee of each party shall draft rules of procedure to be followed at each caucus.

For purposes of this section, caucus shall mean a meeting of the legal voters of any political party assembled for the purpose of choosing delegates to the county convention.

Sec. 210. Each political party shall hold a state postprimary convention biennially on a date to be fixed by the state central committee but not later than October 1. Candidates for elective offices may be nominated at such conventions. Such nominations shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the chairperson and secretary of the convention. The certificates shall have the same force and effect as nominations in primary elections. The convention shall formulate and promulgate a state platform, select a state central committee, select electors for President and Vice President of the United States, and transact the business which is properly before it. One presidential elector shall be chosen from each congressional district, and two presidential electors shall be chosen at large. The officers of the convention shall certify the names of the electors to the Governor and Secretary of State.

Sec. 211. Each political party shall hold a congressional district postprimary convention in even-numbered years. The convention shall be held at the same place as and immediately after the adjournment of the state postprimary convention. The delegates selected to the state postprimary convention for the district shall be the delegates to the congressional district postprimary convention. The congressional district postprimary convention shall transact the business which is properly before it.

Sec. 212. At least sixty days prior to any general election at which candidates for President and Vice President of the United States are to be voted upon by the registered voters of the state, the appropriate officers of the various national political party conventions shall certify the names and addresses of such candidates selected by convention to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall then take appropriate steps to place the names of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates on the ballot.

Sec. 213. The certificates of appointment for presidential electors shall be served by the Governor on each person appointed. The Governor shall notify the presidential electors to be at the State Capitol at noon on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December after appointment and report to the Governor at his or her office in the capitol as being in attendance. The Governor shall serve the certificates of appointment by registered or certified mail. The presidential electors shall convene at 2 p.m. of such Monday at the Governor's office in the capitol.

Sec. 214. The Governor shall provide each presidential elector with a list of all the electors. If any elector is absent or if there is a deficiency in the proper number of electors, those present shall elect from the citizens of the state so many persons as will supply the deficiency and immediately issue a certificate of election, signed by those present or a majority of them, to the person or persons so chosen. In case of failure to elect by 3 p.m. of such day, the Governor shall fill the vacancies by appointment. After all vacancies are filled, the college of electors shall proceed with the election of a President of the United States and a Vice President of the United States and certify their votes in conformity with the

Constitution and laws of the United States. Each at-large presidential elector shall cast his or her ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the highest number of votes in the state. Each congressional district presidential elector shall cast his or her ballot for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the highest number of votes in his or her congressional district.

Sec. 215. The Secretary of State shall incorporate in his or her budget the sum of five hundred dollars for the payment of requests for payment or reimbursement presented by the presidential electors of the electoral college. The electors shall receive compensation of five dollars for each day of attendance and shall be reimbursed for mileage at the rate provided in section 81-1176.

Sec. 216. (1) Any person, group, or association desiring to form a new political party shall present to the Secretary of State petitions containing signatures totaling not less than one percent of the total votes cast for Governor at the most recent general election for such office. The signatures of registered voters on such petitions shall be so distributed as to include registered voters totaling at least one percent of the votes cast for Governor in the most recent gubernatorial election in each of the three congressional districts in this state. Petition signers and petition circulators shall conform to the requirements of sections 197 and 198 of this act. The petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of State no later than February 1 before any statewide primary election for the new political party to be entitled to have ballot position in the primary election of that year. If the new political party desires to be established and have ballot position for the general election and not in the primary election of that year, the petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of State on or before August 1 of that year. Prior to the circulation of petitions to form a new political party, a sample copy of the petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of State by the person, group, or association seeking to establish the new party. The sample petition shall be accompanied by the name and address of the person or the names and addresses of the members of the group or association sponsoring the petition to form a new political party.

(2) The petition shall conform to the requirements of section 196 of this act. The Secretary of State shall prescribe the form of the petition for the formation of a new political party. The petition shall be addressed to and filed with the Secretary of State and shall state its purpose and the name of the party to be formed, but the name of any political party then in existence or any word forming any part of the name of any political party then in existence shall not be adopted. The petition shall contain a statement substantially as follows:

We, the undersigned registered voters of the State of Nebraska and the county of ....., being severally qualified to sign this petition, respectfully request that the above-named new political party be formed in the State of Nebraska, and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name; I am a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and county of ..... and am qualified to sign this petition; and my city, village, or post office address and my street and number or voting precinct are correctly written after my name.

Sec. 217. Within ten days after all the petitions to form a new political party which contain signatures are filed with the Secretary of State, he or she shall determine the validity and sufficiency of such petitions and signatures. Clerical and technical errors in a petition shall be disregarded if the forms prescribed by the Secretary of State are substantially followed. If the petitions are determined to be sufficient and valid, the Secretary of State shall issue a certification establishing the new political party. Copies of such certification shall be issued to the person, group, or association forming the new political party. Within twenty days after the certification of establishment of the new political party by the Secretary of State, the person, group, or association forming the new political party or its new officers shall file with the Secretary of State the constitution and bylaws of such party along with a certified list of the names and addresses of the officers of the new political party.

Sec. 218. New political parties may be formed for a congressional district, a county, or a city. Any person desiring to form a new political party for a congressional district, a county, or a city shall follow the procedures set out in section 216 of this act, except that:

(1) The requirement for signatures to be obtained from registered voters in each of the three congressional districts shall not apply to this section;

(2) Petitions for new county or city political parties shall be